



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

17 April 2012

REPORT

Subject Heading:

**IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT
SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANS
St Albans Roman Catholic Primary
School, Mungo Park Road.**

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

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| Excellence in education and learning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Value and enhance the life of every individual | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SUMMARY

This report presents the results of the public consultation on a proposed informal pedestrian crossing with associated parking restrictions and bus stop clearway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the information set out in this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the School Keep Clear marking, as shown on Drawing QK009/NC/74.B, be implemented.
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of implementing the scheme is £2000 which will be met from the 2012/13 Transport for London Local Implementation Plan allocation for School Travel Plans Implementation.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 St Albans Roman Catholic Primary School is on Heron Flight Avenue in Hornchurch. Heron Flight Avenue is connected to Mungo Park Road by a footpath called Falcon Way which joins a small cul-de-sac of houses which are part of Mungo Park Road.
- 1.2 In St Albans' School Travel Plan a request was made for a zebra crossing on Mungo Park Road in the vicinity of Falcon Way (opposite Kingaby Gardens).
- 1.3 Scargill Primary School, 250metres away has a zebra crossing outside the school gate.
- 1.4 There was only one accident at this junction in the 3 years to December 2010 but this involved a cyclist and a turning car with the driver impaired by alcohol.
- 1.5 Staff visited the site during the morning and afternoon school runs to gauge the number of pedestrians crossing Mungo Park Road at this point and the level of traffic on Mungo Park Road.
- 1.6 With the combination of relatively low numbers of pedestrians but primarily low vehicle flow observed during these times, along with significant breaks in traffic flow, it was considered an inappropriate site for a zebra crossing. However, there were occasions when people were observed getting off a bus west of Kingaby Gardens and crossing Mungo Park Road using the bellmouth of the cul-de-sac opposite Kingaby Gardens because there are no suitable drop kerbs for pedestrians.
- 1.7 It was therefore proposed to the school that an informal drop kerb pedestrian facility would be provided instead of the zebra crossing. To accommodate this, the footway parking bay on the north side of Mungo Park Road would have to be reduced and the bus stop on the south side would

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require a Clearway to ensure good visibility. 'At Any Time' parking restrictions are also proposed around the Kingaby Gardens and cul-de-sac junction with the main road of Mungo Park Road.

1.8 Details are shown on drawing no. QK009/NC/74.B.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 Twenty four residents were consulted on the At Any Time parking restrictions and parking bay reduction, a notice was erected on site and the proposals advertised on Friday 14th October with comments to be received by 14th November 2011.
- 2.2 Thirty two residents were consulted on the Bus Stop Clearway, a notice was erected on site and the proposals advertised on Friday 21st February with comments to be received by 12th March 2012.
- 2.3 For the two consultations, two responses were received; one against arguing that the parking restrictions will make it harder for residents to park their vehicles and one in favour because 'parking is becoming a real problem'.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 The parking restrictions around the cul-de-sac reinforces what should already be happening, that is that no vehicle should park close to a junction. The restriction should deter school parents from parking irresponsibly. The crossing facility will assist all pedestrians with crossing Mungo Park Road. The bus stop clearway will ensure the bus stop, sometimes serving two buses at once, remains traffic free.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of £2000 will be met from the 2012/13 TfL Local Implementation Plan allocation for School Travel.

Legal implications and risks:

Parking restrictions require consultation and the advertisement of proposals before a decision can be taken on their introduction.

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no identified HR implications or risks arising from the recommendations in this report.

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Equalities implications and risks:

Parking restrictions at junctions are often installed to improve road safety especially for pedestrians.

There will be some visual impact, due to the required road markings.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Project File: QK 009 STP Implementation